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Sporting News

Frank Shaughnessy, president of the Ottawa baseball club will coach the McGill University rugby team this season.

American riflemen get lead of eight points over Canadian for international honors and win the Palma trophy. Score.

Americans, 1720.
Canadians, 1712.
Both teams broke the world's record.

A gentleman interested in sport in Ottawa avers that Renfrew is preparing to break into the pro hockey game again. Bert Lindsay is the man credited with having a desire to start the hockey ball rolling again in the Creamery Town with a team in the N.H.A. Should a team from Renfrew decide to get into the game they would be included in the new western section of the N.H.A.

The men behind the formation of the new section are figuring on a team from Renfrew in their circuit with North Bay, Haileybury, Soo and Port Arthur, making a five-club league. The hockey promoters are now engaged in lining up the different clubs in the section, and expect to have things in shape by the opening of the hockey season.

It can be announced that a real National Association, stretching from coast to coast, is now a foregone conclusion. President Quinn of the National Hockey Association has been working on this plan for the last six months, and the final spike has been driven in it, so to speak, by the arrival of Rollie Norman from the Lower Provinces.

A letter similar to the one received by Mr. Bannerman was written by Mr. Quinn to the Pacific coast and the Maritime districts, and Mr. Norman came in person to bring the response to this while Bruce Ridpath brought word from the Patriots that they were agreeable to the plan.

A meeting will therefore be held soon at which representatives from all the districts will assemble, and a Hockey Commission will then be formed to act as a court of last resort in cases of dispute in the four district league which they will be unable to settle themselves. Thereby the game will be put upon the same basis as baseball. It will mean that the National Hockey Association will consist of a central district comprising Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa and Quebec; a Maritime district, a Soo district, and a Pacific coast district.

The Boston Red Sox are out to beat the American League record for games won in a season. The best performance on record is that of the Athletics who captured 102 contests in 1910, losing 48. At the present time the Red Sox have won 95, lost 33 and they still have nearly another month's play. At the present time with their pitchers going well they look to have a good chance to beat the league record for victories. This is the record of the American League since its formation:

Year	Winner	W.	L.	P.C.
1900	Chicago	82	53	.607
1901	Chicago	85	52	.610
1902	Philadelphia	83	52	.610
1903	Boston	91	47	.659
1904	Boston	95	59	.617
1905	Philadelphia	92	56	.622
1906	Chicago	93	58	.616
1907	Detroit	92	58	.613
1908	Detroit	90	63	.588
1909	Detroit	98	54	.645
1910	Philadelphia	102	48	.680
1911	Philadelphia	101	50	.669
1912	Boston	?	?	?

In Harpers for September, Arnold Bennet waxed enthusiastic over the national and international game. His description of the atmosphere surrounding the players and the game, as that of an outsider, is thoroughly characteristic.

"How mighty," he exclaims, "is baseball! Its fame floats through

Europe as something prodigious, incomprehensible, romantic, and terrible. After being entertained at early lunch in the correct way I was taken, in a state of great excitement, by a group of excited business men, and lashed through Central Park in an express automobile to one of the great championship games. I noted the excellent arrangements for dealing with feverish multitudes. I noted the splendid and ornate speciousness of the grandstand crowned with innumerable eagles, and the calm, matter-of-fact tone in which a friend informed me that the grandstand had been burned down six months ago. I noted the dreadful prominence of advertisements, and particularly of that one which announced "the three-dollar hat with the five-dollar look," all very European! It was pleasant to be convinced in such large letters that even shrewd America is not exempt from that universal human naivete which is ready to believe that in some magic emporium a philanthropist is always waiting to give five dollars' worth of goods in exchange for three dollars of money.

"Then I braced my intelligence to an understanding of the game, which, thanks to its classical simplicity, and to some training in the finesses of cricket and football, I did soon grasp in its main outlines. A beautiful game, superbly played. We reckon to know something of ball games in Europe; we reckon to be connoisseurs; and the old footballer and cricketer in me came away from that immense inclosure convinced that baseball was a game of the very first class, and that those players were the most finished exponents of it. I was informed that during the winter the players condescended to follow the law and other liberal professions. But, judging from their apparent importance in the public eye, I should not have been surprised to learn that during the winter they condescended to be Speakers of the House of Representatives of Governors of States. It was a relief to know that in the matter of expenses they were treated more liberally than the Ambassadors of the Republic.

"They seemed to have carried the art of pitching a ball to a more wonderful degree of perfection than it has ever been carried in cricket. The absolute certitude of the fielding and accuracy of the throwing was

profoundly impressive to a connoisseur. Only in a certain lack of elegance in gesture, and in the unshaven dowdiness of the ground on which it was played, could this game be said to be inferior to the noble spectacle of cricket. In broad dramatic quality I should place it above cricket, and on a level with Associated football.

"In short, I at once became an enthusiast for baseball. For nine innings I watched it with interest unabated, until a vast purple shadow, creeping gradually westward, had obscurely veiled the sublime legend of the three-dollar look. I began to acquire the proper cries and shouts and menaces, and to pass comments on the play which I was assured were not utterly foolish. In my honest yearning to feel myself a habitue I did what everybody else did and even attacked a morsel of chewing-gum; but all that a European can say of this singular substance is that it is, finally, eternal and unconquerable. One slip I did quite innocently make. I rose to stretch myself after the sixth inning instead of half-way through the seventh. Happily a friend with marked presence of mind pulled me down to my seat again before I had had time fully to commit this horrible sacrilege. When the game was finished I surged on to the enormous grounds, and was informed by inquiring experts of a few of the thousand and subtle tactical points which I had missed. And lastly, I was flung upon to the Elevated platform littered with pieces of newspaper, and through a landscape of slovenly apartment-houses, punctuated by glimpses of tremendous quantities of drying linen. I was shot out of New York toward a calm week-end."

GOES TO ENGLAND.

Eddie Durnan, the American sculling champion, in company with Lou Scholes, left on Saturday for England, where he meets Richard Barry, of London next month, for the sculling championship of the world.

Durnan feels confident of his ability to defeat the Englishman, and his many friends in Toronto believe he will bring the title with him back to Toronto.

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